

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hand-held nail polish removing device that includes a vessel in which a liquid solvent for removing nail polish is stored, in which the vessel includes an opening through which the solvent is added to the device, an applicator element that is chemically resistant and permeable to the solvent, and that is secured within or over the opening in the vessel, in which the largest exposed portion of the applicator element is configured and arranged so that the device can be operated with its major longitudinal axis essentially perpendicular to the surface of a nail while the nail polish is being removed, and a valve assembly that includes a liquid flow valve that can be opened or closed by increasing or decreasing the manual pressure on the solvent applicator element, in which the flow valve is configured and arranged beneath the solvent applicator element.

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